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COVID-19 Press Bulletin for 3-3-2021

Carson City, NV — Today, Caleb Cage, Nevada COVID-19 Response Director and Candice McDaniel, Health Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child, Family, and Community Wellness.

This bulletin provides facts, figures, and informational items from the call. As a reminder, data is provided in a dashboard on the home page of the <u>Nevada Health Response</u> website and can be accessed 24 hours a day.

SUMMARY:

- As of today, Nevada has logged 294,684 cases, with the 14-day rolling average of daily cases being 281.
- Nevada has now completed a total of 2,738,065 molecular tests since the beginning of COVID-19.
- The test positivity rate over the last 14 days is 7.1%.
- The Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) reports Nevada is continuing to see a downward trajectory in hospitalizations.

- The NHA is also reporting there are currently 440 COVID-19 hospitalizations (363 confirmed; 77 suspected).
- According to the NHA, Nevada COVID-19 hospitalizations remain in decline and Nevada hospitals have a significant amount of intensive care space and ventilators available for immediate (all-cause) use.
- The hospital association is also reporting very low Influenza case rates this year. Many of the mitigation measures Nevadans are using to slow the spread of COVID-19 also help slow the spread of the flu.
- As of March 2, 694,637 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered and reported to NV WebIZ.
- The first shipments of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, previously referred to as the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, have arrived in Nevada.
- Going forward, the state will refer to the vaccine as the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine, following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration.
- The information on the vaccine card given to residents when they receive the vaccine will say "Janssen," not "Johnson & Johnson."

- On February 28, 2021, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) issued interim recommendations for the use of the Janssen vaccine.
- ACIP stated there is no preference for any of the three authorized vaccines and this vaccine is for use in those 18 years and older.
- Nevadans are encouraged to accept any vaccines that is offered to them.

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